FRANCE

THE RIFCTORAL BILL ADOPTED BY THE ASSEM-BLY-THE QUESTION OF THE TIME OF HOLD-ING THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

The Assembly to-day finally adopted the Electoral

THE COLONIAL REPRESENTATION. The bill was amended so as to grant the right of representation to all the colonies except Cayenne and Senegal THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Urgency was almost unanimously voted for, two preposals emanating respectively from the Right and Left One provides that the general elections shall be held

February 20, and the new Assembly convoked February 27. The other fixes the elections for February 18, and the meeting of the Assembly for March 16.

The committee to examine the proposals will be ap-

pointed Thursday.

SPAIN.

MINISTER CUSHING TO PRESENT THE UNITED STATES' BEPLY TO THE MADRID NOTE.

MADRID, Nov. 30, 1875. Mr. Cushing, the American Minister, will to-morrow present to the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs a telegraphic reply from his government to the last

The tenor of the American despatch is considered very satisfactory and dissipates recent apprehensions. A TREATY OF COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION WITH AMERICA

RECOMMENDED.

The Epoca, in an editorial article to-day, demon strates the pressing necessity of a treaty of commerce and navigation between Spain and the United States, especially with regard to the commercial interests or THE SPANISH CABINET TO BE REDEGANIZED-THE DAY OF

ASSEMBLAGE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Ministerial changes resolved upon in the Cabinet Council of Saturday, and already announced, will take place on Thursday. The 1st day of February is appointed for the meeting of the Cortes. AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO BE PROSECUTED IN THE NORTH. The Madrid Crowista states that at a conference be tween Generals Jovellar, Campos and Quesada, at

which the King was present, a plan of campaign in the North was agreed upon. It was decided that there should be a short delay in the commencement of operations on account of the unfavorable weather.

ENGLAND.

SEVERE WEATHER, WITH SNOW, IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

LONDON, Nov. 30, 1875. The weather to-day is inclement. A fall of snow i quite general in the south of England.

THE POSTAL CONFERENCE.

THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO JOIN THE INTER-NATIONAL UNION.

LONDON, Nov. 30, 1875. The Postal Conference will meet at Berne, Switzer land, on the 17th of January, because the Indian goverament has announced its intention to join the

COUNT VON ARNIM.

THE EX-GERMAN MINISTER TO BE INDICTED FOR TREASON.

BERLIN, Nov. 30, 1875. The application of the Public Prosecutor to the Senate of the State Tribunal to indict Count Von Arnim for treason has been granted.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

BERLIN, Nov. 30, 1875. Prince Gortschakoff has arrived in this city.

THE EUSSIAN AND GERMAN CHANCELLOES IN COUNCIL.

Berlin, Nov. 30-Evening.

Prince Gortschakoff bad an interview with Bismarck to-day, which lasted an hour.

SERVIA

BELGRADE, Nov. 30, 1875. The session of the Skuptschina re-opened to-day.

OUR FLAG ABROAD.

VILLAPRANCA, Nov. 30, 1875. The American squadron sailed from here on Monday for Lisbon.

AT HIS HOME.

THE BODY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AMONG HIS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS-THE DECORATIONS OF SORROW-THE SERVICE TO-DAY.

NATICK, Nov. 30, 1875. The remains of the late Vice President lie in state in the Town Hell to-day, and, notwithstanding the intense cold, large numbers of citizens have visited the place to take a last look at their honored townsman. THE SOMBRE DECORATIONS.

of the hall are relieved in some measure by the beautiful floral decorations surrounding the coffin; but the appropriate character of the latter add to the general effect. At the head of the coffin there is a large floral composed of the choicest white blossoms, and at the foot there stands a tall shaft of dark green iv leaves, the base of which is ornamented with wheat sheaves. This shaft is a contribution from the city of Boston. Floral crowns, wreaths, &c., complete the decoration.

THE PRIVATE DECORATIONS. The intense cold and high wind seriously interfere with the plans of citizens who intend to decorate their stores and dwellings in mourning emblems, but still a large number of buildings exhibit drapings of black and white. The exterior of the Town Hall is heavily draped and bears in black letters on a white ground the initials "H. W." and the dates of his birth and death.

THE LATE BESIDENCE of the Vice President is heavily draped, the doors and windows being hung with black fastwith black and white rosettes. Clark's block, Wilson's shoe factory, the Masonic Hall, Grand Army Headquarters and the rooms of the St. Patrick Benevolent Society are among the most prominent of buildings decorated. THE SERVICES.

to-morrow at the Town Hall will begin at one o'clock, and it is expected there will be a general outpouring of citizens. Special trains from Boston will bring large numbers from that city and vicinity.

COURTESIES TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE FIFTH MARYLAND IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, NOV. 30, 1875 Governor Gaston has requested the committee of the Fifth Maryland regiment, who accompanied the late Vice President's remains from Baltimore, to remain and take part in the funeral to-morrow at Natick. The amittee have received every attention while here, and have participated in several dinners given by the officers of various military organizations. To-night they have a reception at the residence of W. E. Baker, and leave for home on Thursday next.

THE PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD.

Ровтамости, N. H., Nov. 80, 1875. The activity at the navy yard increases and an extra force will be taken on to-morrow in the Construction and Engineers' department. The United States steamer Marion is about ready for sea and will go into commission in a few days.

SENTENCE OF DEATH COMMUTED.

OTTAWA, NOV. 80, 1875. The sontence of death passed upon Dr. Davis and his wife for the murder of Jane Vaughn Gilmour has been, by proper authority, commuted to imprisonment for life. This step was rendered necessary by the aid they have furnished by means of their confession in secur-ing the conviction of the seducer of Miss Gilmour.

THE WHISKEY FRAUDS

CLOSE OF BOTH SIDES IN THE TRIAL OF AVERT-THREE COUNTS AGAINST HIM QUASHED BAB-COCK'S ALLEGED COMPLICITY-AN INDICT-MENT PROBABLY FOUND.

Sr. Louis, Nov. 30, 1875. The developments of yesterday and to-day have ex ited an increased interest in Whiskey Ring matters, hardly anything else being talked about by the people General Babcock's alleged complicity in the frauds is con-sidered established beyond all doubt and his indictment a certainty. The evidence in the Avery case was concluded to-day. The following despatch was introduced by the government attorneys and identified as having been sent by General Babcock :--

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1874.
Colonel John A. Joyce, care of John McDonald, S Cannot hear that any one has gone or is going.
O. E. BABCOCK.

It is rumored that District Attorney Dyer has re ceived a telegraphic despatch from the President to night requesting that officer to procure an indictment against Babcock, if possible, in order that the charges against him may be sifted to the bottom. Colonel Dyer received the following despatch this evening from Babcock:-

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1875.
To Hon. D. P. Dyrn, United States District Attorney, St. Louis, Mo.

I am absolutely innocent, and every telegram which is sent will appear perfectly innocent the moment I can be heard. I demand a hearing before the Court, when can testify.

O. E. BABCOCK.

GENERAL BABCOCK'S SOLICITATION to be called as a witness was too late, and the case wa closed when he sent the despatch, and he has been apprised of it by telegraph. It is announced, upon pretty good authority, that the Grand Jury virtually agreed upon a true bill against him this afternoon, and will present it in open court to-morrow. It is considered case against Avery, the evidence being entirely circumstantial and leaving a certain kind of doubt as to his guilt, which the jury may consider sufficiently reasonable to justify conviction. The indictment against him originally consisted of four counts, but Judge Treat decided to-day that the first, second and fourth counts were bad, and instructed the jury that ney could not find a verdict of guilty on them. The count left is the one which charges conspiracy to defraud the government of its revenues. Avery's suc cess in getting rid of the three other counts was quite a triumph for him, and diminishes the chances of con-viction very materially.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLASS left for Washington to-night. In an interview he made an emphatic denial of the story recently circulated that in a conversation which he had with President Grant last spring the President severely criticised him for his apparent neglect in failing to protect the government from thieves, and that during the conversation the President abruptly notified him that he must resign. Mr. Douglass says the story is made of whole cloth and that his relations with the President are of the most satisfactory and harmonious character

J. W. & GORDON BINGHAM FORFEIT THEIR BOND-INDICTED PERSONS CHANGE THEIR PLEA OF "NOT GUILTY" TO "GUILTY."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 30, 1875. In the United States District Court, before Judge Gresham, the case of J. W. & Gordon Bingham was called, and the joint appearance bond for \$25,000 forfeited. Gordon B. Bingham is sick at his home in Evansville, and John W. Bingham is at St. Louis, where he was surrendered by his sureties on another

where he was surrendered by his sureties on another indictment.

The following parties, under indictment for fraudulent whickey transactions, withdrew the plea of not guilty and entered the plea of guilty:—Phillip Eberwine, Coionel George T. Simonson, John E. Phillips, Harrison Miller, David M. Lewis, George Hogan, George F. Crisp, Christopher Cochonor, William Monfort and Dennis Reilly.

The Court deferred prenouncing sentence until this afterneon or to-morrow.

TRANSFER OF BINGHAM'S CASE FROM ST. LOUIS TO INDIANA.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Nov. 30, 1875. In the United States Court to-day a motion was made by the government to transfer John W. Bingham, who stands indicted here for complicity in the whiskey frauds and has pleaded guilty, to the United States District Court of Indiana, where a similar indictment

awaits him General Noble, somucel for Bingham, made a long argument against the transfer, but Judge Treat decided that Bingham should be sent to Indiana, and the Court

so ordered. GENERAL BARCOCK'S CASE-GENERAL GRANT ON THE SUBJECT-FEELING IN ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1875. The meagre and mutilated despatches from St. Louis about the whiskey trials yesterday create much anxety in administration circles. General who is conducting the case against the Ring for the government under instructions from Attorney General Pierrepont, General Grant's devoted friend, has had the evidence against General Babcock under consideration for several weeks. Therefore, since Mr. Henderson asserted, as he did yesterday, that he intended to prove that General Babcock was in the Ring, great significance is attached to his statement. Judge Krum is Avery's lawyer. He said yesterday that the telegrams were Babcock's, not Avery's, and that they were introduced to make a drive at the White House, When it is said that Avery is a friend of Babcock, and that General Henderson, who is acting under the advice of Pierrepont, is charged by his lawyer with attacking the White House, the situation becomes startlingly in

The trial of McKee and McGuire is set down for the 15th of December, when it is expected that astounding developments will be made. Of the witnesses who identified the handwriting of Babcock's telegrams, E. R. Chapman is chief of the Stamp Division and James Gilfillan cashler of the United States Treasury.

BARNUM'S BEASTS AND BIRDS.

THE SALE OF WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS YES-TERDAY-ALARMING SACBIFICES AMONG THE MORE DISTINGUISHED BEASTS OF PREY. BRIDGEFORT, Conn., Nov. 30, 1875.

There was a large attendance throughout the day at Barnum's sale of animals. The elephants sold as follows:-Albert, to Smith, for \$3,000; Betsey, to Stewart, for \$4,500; Gipsey, to Smith, for \$3,150; Prince, to Stewart, for \$3,000; Queen, to same, for \$3,000. Stewart bid off one dromedary at \$250; the remaining six sold to Smith for \$200 each. No bids on camels. The rhinoceros was struck down to Davis for \$3,500. English stag bid off for Mr. Barnum for \$11, for Seaside Park. The giraffe sold to Davis for \$1,000. Smith bought one white bear for \$625, and Mr. Davis the other at \$575. The performing den—one lion, one lioness, a Brazilian tiger and a leopard struck off to Davis for \$2,500 for the lot. Smith took one ostrich at \$300, Davis the other at the same price; water buffalo to Tanner at \$60; yak to Davis at \$55; three white door to Stewart at \$50 each.

Numerous other animals were offered, but not sold,

\$60, yak to Davis at \$50; three white doer to Stewart at \$50 each.

Numerous other animals were offered, but not sold, including leopards, tigers, hyenas, elks, tapiers, llamas and kangaroos; two white bears, one to Smith at \$650 and one to Davis, \$500; three sea lions, one at \$400 to Smith, two at \$500 to Davis; gnu, or horned horse, to Tanner at \$1,200, being the highest paid for any animal, save the elephants. Seveniteen monkeys sold to Stowart for \$100; twelve performing monkeys to Smith, for \$220; two performing goats, one to Cushing at \$50. This is Alexis, for which Barnum paid Jarrett and Palmer \$2,500. One four-horned goat to Smith at \$30; eight English hounds, two reserved by request for General Custer, the rest sold at \$7 each. King vulture to Tanner at \$27. Ten cockatoos to Siewart at \$10 50. Three rose cockatoos to Tanner at \$4. Two white peacocks to J. Neale, plumber, of Fifth avenue, at \$55. A lot of twenty-five small birds, with cage, to Tanner at \$23. All the saddles and harness were sold to Miler, Morrison & Co., of New York. The great Congress of Nations' harness brought \$1,000; it cost \$10,000; sea lone cage to Smith for \$300; sacred built cage, to Stewart, for \$500, giraffe cages—one to Smith, for \$500, the other for \$495. Barnum bought the baby hippopotanus for \$25,000, the only animal bid for by him.

The sale closed at five d'clock, being postponed till to-morrow at ten A. M. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of circus property and \$60,000 of cuts will be offered in addition.

There were present, among others, June, Nathan & Co., represented by Avery Smith; the veteran Robinson, by A. G. Stewart; G. F. Bailey, of Danbury; John Wagner, of Zoological Gardens, Philadelphia, and Tanner, of the Zoological Gardens, Cincinnati.

A ROBBERY IN WORCESTER. WORCESTER, Mags., Nov. 80, 1875. A butcher, named Granville Morse, was robbed of \$1,000 in cash while asleep in his room last night

A COLD NOR'WESTER.

November Dies in an Extremely Low Temperature.

ZERO INSULTED BY THERMOMETERS.

Schooners on the Lakes Damaged by Storm.

INTERIOR NAVIGATION FROZEN UF.

Winter has come upon us "all at once." as will b een by the appended notes of temperature and wind The weather, from midnight until morning and from morning until twilight yesterday, was intensely cold Everybody feit the necessity of putting on extra flannels, and the heaviest overcoats were brought into service. This wintry weather is far in advance of last year, when, on the 30th of November, the thermometer stood at 36 degrees above zero at midnight, 28 above at three A. M., 25 at six A. M. and 25 at nine A. M.

The following is a correct statement of the velocity of the northwest wind and the conditions of the thernometer as noted at the New York signal station: November 29, 11:20 P. M., wind 16 miles per hour, thermometer 17 degrees above; November 30, 7 A, M., wind 12, thermometer 10 degrees above; 8 A. M., wind 16, thermometer 11 degrees above; 12 M., wind 10,

16, thermometer 11 degrees above; 12 M., wind 10, thermometer 12 degrees; 2 P. M., wind 14, thermometer 14 degrees; 5 P. M., wind 8, thermometer 13 degrees.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's pharmacy, Hexald Building:

1874, 1875.

3. A. M. 23 12 3:30 P. M. 25 14 6. A. M. 25 9 6 P. M. 25 13 9. A. M. 25 9 9 P. M. 25 13 12 M. 25 11 12 M. 24 11 12 M. 29 11 12 M. 24 11 Average temperature yesterday.

THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CLOSED. PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1875. Navigation on the Delaware and Hudson Canal is closed from Honesdale to Elienville, N. Y. All loaded boats will reach tide water to-day, when the canal will be closed for the season.

STEAMBOATS DELAYED BY ICE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1875. The Hudson River is frozen this morning from Hudson to Albany. All the night steamers are behind time, owing to the ice obstruction. The steamer City of Hudson will probably discontinue her trips to-day or to-morrow, and it is believed that after to-day the steamers of the Newburg and Albany line will go no further than Rondout. The thermometer this morning

is at zero.

Reports from up the Hudson to-night tell of ice forming rapidly everywhere, and for the time being navigation to Albany has ceased. A steamer, with barges and canal boats in tow, is fast in Celyman's bar. In many points in Dutchess county the mercury this morning marked six degrees below zero.

THE HUDSON FULL OF ICE AT ALBANY. ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1875. The navigation of the canal and river is closed. The river is full of ice. The Sunnyside and J. B. Schuyler got away for New York at two o'clock P.M. The steamer Drew did not come up further than Athens last night, where she discharged hor freight and passengers. The thermometer has ranged here from two to eight degrees below zero all day

CANAL NAVIGATION CLOSED. LOCKPORT, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1875. Boats cleared here last night, both cast and west, but to-day the canal is frozen and navigation practically closed. The temperature at seven o'clock this evening was ten degrees above zero.

ERIE CANAL BOATS PROZEN UP.

BUPPALO, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1875.
Despatches received by the Board of Trade this norning state that the weather is very cold along the line of the canal, the thermometer standing at from three to five degrees below zero. The boats are all frozen tight. The general feeling is that canal saviga-tion for the season of 1878 is virtually closed.

DISASTERS ON THE LAKES.

OSWBGO, N. Y., Nov. 80, 1875. The schooner F. G. Jenkins, with wheat, from Milwaukee for this port, left the Welland Canal on Sun. day morning, and as she has not been heard from it is feared she foundered in the late gale with all on The schooner Blanche, from Wellington Square, Cut., for this port with wheat, is ashore at Pultneyville, N. Y.

JERSEYMEN CATCH IT.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 30, 1875. Last night was one of the coldest experienced in this vicinity for many years so early in the season. The mercury fell below zero, and at eight o'clock this morning was but four degrees above.

TWO DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN PENNSYLVANIA. HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 30, 1875. The weather has been intensely cold here since yesterday afternoon, when the mercury began to fall very rapidly. It reached two degrees below zero during the night, and at noon to-day was about five degrees above zero.

DELAWARE RIVER PROZEN.

MILFORD, Pa., Nov. 30, 1875. Last night was the coldest of the season. The thermometer indicated two degrees above zero at seven o'clock this morning. The Delaware river is frozen VESSELS DRIVEN INTO PORT-WRECKED SAILORS

FROZEN. DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 30, 1875. The schooner Pamlico, with a cargo of wheat, is

ashore and full of water in Little Travesse Bay. The crews of the barges Waurren and Sweepstakes, were badly frozen. The weather continues very severe, and vessels are going into winter quarters as fast as they reach port. The Saginaw River is closed withica. The bay is frozen over nearly out to Charity Islands.

THERMOMETER THIRTY BELOW ZERO IN CANADA. TORONTO, NOV. 30, 1875. The weather throughout Canada is unprecedentedly cold for this season. At seven A. M. the thermometer at Ottawa marked 20 degrees below; at Peterboro, 17 degrees below; Parry Sound, 29 degrees below; Gate-nean Mills, 30 degrees below; Montreal, 17 degrees be-low; Quebec, 20 degrees below; Toronto, 4 degrees be-low.

ZERO AT PROVIDENCE. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 30, 1875. The thermometer stands at zero on College Hill this

morning. DAMAGE BY THE STORM IN MASSACHUSETTS. WORCESTER, Nov. 30, 1875.

A heavy northwest wind prevailed all day yesterd: and the mercury last night indicated 12 degrees. While the wind was strongest trees were uprooted, unfinished buildings damaged and the roof of a large business block was started. In Westboro a three story brick block was unroofed and a chimney fell upon a building adjoin-ing, crushing through to the cellar. Considerable dam-age was done by the wind in other sections of the

BOSTON, NOV. 30, 1875. Unprecedented cold weather for this season is reported from all sections of New England north and east of here, the mercury ranging from 4 to 14 degrees below zero. At Montpeller, VL, it was 18 below, and at Bethlehem, N. H., 22 below. A SHIP FROZEN IN HARBOR.

DAMARISCOTTA, Me., Nov. 50, 1875.

TWENTY-TWO BELOW ZERO IN NEW ENGLAND.

closed five miles from its head. The ship Elwell, which was to sail to-day, was frozen in at her wharf. EVENING WEATHER REPORT. WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, NOV. 30—7:30 P. M.
Probabilities.

The weather is intensely cold here. The river is

During Wednesday, in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, higher barometer, north to east winds and colder, cloudy weather will prevail, except rain areas in In the West Gulf States, Tonnessee and the Ob

Vailey, falling barometer, south to east winds, warmer

In the lake region, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys, failing barometer, east to south winds, warmer, partly cloudy, or cloudy weather and rain or snow from the Missouri Valley to the upper lakes, possibly followed in the northwest by rising

ter and cold northwesterly winds. For the Middle and Eastern States, high but falling parometer, winds veering to northeast and southeast, slightly warmer and generally clear weather. For the canal regions of New York, New Jersey,

Pennsylvania and Maryland, the temperature will con tinge below freezing on Wednesday night. The Ohio River will fall, except at Paducah and the Lower Mississippi, where it will continue slowly rising.

FIRES.

STORES BURNED IN OBERLIN. TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1875. A fire at Oberlin, Ohio, last night, destroyed two grocery stores, one book store, together with contents Loss estimated at \$45,000; insurance, \$1,000.

A LEGISLATIVE HALL BURNED.

Wherling, W. Va., Nov. 30, 1875.

At half-past nine this A. M. a fire broke out in Washngton Hall, this city, totally destroying the building The third floor was occupied by the Masonic fraternity.

Two firemen had limbs broken, and J. Oliver, of Philadelphia, was seriously injured by the third floor failing with them. Oliver is not expected to recover. The loss is estimated at \$50,000; insurance not definitely inown, but supposed to be \$17,000. The hall was occupied by the Legislature.

A VALUABLE BARN DESTROYED.

COATESVILLE, Pa., Nov. 30, 1875. The large new barn of William Wilson, near this place was entirely destroyed by fire last night, together with he contents, including two horses and eleven head of sattle. The loss is \$15,000; insurance, \$7,000. The fire was evidently of incendiary origin.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 30, 1875.

A new barn and livery stable at North Adams, owned by Mrs. Anna Brayton, was destroyed last night by an

incendiary fire. The loss is \$2,000; insurance, \$1,500. Two tramps have been arrested on suspicion of causing the fire. FIRES IN BOSTON. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 30, 1875.

A block of three tenements on Walnut street, owned by John Carney, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$3,000; insurance, \$2,700. A number of poor families lost a portion of their furniture.

LOWELL, Mass., Nov. 80, 1875. A fire broke out at four o'clock this afternoon in the picker building of the Tremont and Suffolk Corporation. The loss on building and cotton stored in it will amount to \$50,000; fully insured. The fire caught from friction of the machinery.

HOTELS AND STORES BURNED.

MELROSE, Mass., Nov. 30, 1875. A disastrous fire occurred here between three and four o'clock this morning. The flames started in Concert Hall block and rapidly spread to Boardman's block and another wooden block of stores on Essex street, consuming all of them and the contents of five stores, two club rooms, a billiard hall, concert hall, &c. The loss is estimated at \$70,000, and the insurance at about one-half that amount.

AN INCENDIARY ARRESTED. PROVIDENCE, R. L., Nov. 30, 1875. James T. Wood was arrested in Slatersville, to day, on suspicion of setting the three recent incendiary fires in Hat village. The evidence is circumstantial but very strong. He waived an examination, and was com-mitted in default of \$1,000 ball. Wood was a teamster for the Slatersville Company, whose barns were burned.

A BAILBOAD DEPOT DESTROYED. BELLEVILLE, Canada, Nov. 30, 1875. The entire engine house at the Grand Trunk Railway station here was burned last night. Ten engines were totally destroyed. The other railway buildings were savel with difficulty. Loss, \$150,000; insured in

THE SUSQUEHANNA BRIDGES.

in ish companies.

F TAL DISASTER AT PITTSTON-THE BUILD-I G OF THE NEW BRIDGES INTERBUPTED BY THE PALLING OF THE BAST SPAN-TEN MEN AE TOUSLY INJURED AND THREE SUPPOSED TO

PITTSTON, Pa., Nov. 30, 1875. Disaster is visiting the completion of the last of the three bridges swept away at this point by the spring floods. Yesterday morning the town was greatly excited over the demolition of the east span of false work, which went down with a crash, carrying with it ten men, all of whom were more or less injured. Three are presumed to be injured fataily. The distance from the top of the span to the water is nearly forty feet. Last night was extremely cold, and this morning the Susquehanna was full of huge cakes of morning the Susquenanna was tuil of nuge cases of doating ice, while the water from the rains on Sunday night increased and the violence augmented the current, as the second span of false work which extended from the second pier on the east side to the completed portion of the structure was torn away, this afternoon, about five o'clock, carrying with it all the iron floor beams and a good portion of the bottom cords. The timber floated away with the current, but the iron sunk.

the iron sunk.

The contract for building this bridge was awarded to the King Iron Bridge Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be heavy losers by this catastrophe. There will be great delay now in completing the structure, and much disappointment in consequence.

NARROW GAUGE RAILROADS.

A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A LINE FROM BURLING-TON TO IOWA-A SUPPOSED SOLUTION OF THE RAPID TRANSIT PROBLEM.

CANTON, Ill., Nov. 30, 1875. The narrow gauge interest in Illinois and Iowa culminated to-day in a general Convention held in this fourishing prairie city to consider the practicability of building a narrow gauge line from Burlington to Iowa, thence across Illinois, to connect Burlington and Northwestern roads extending northwest from Burlington with Havana, Rantoul and Eastern, forty miles of which is now operated in Eastern Illinois. miles of which is now operated in Eastern Illinois. The delegates present were from many cities between Burlington and Rautoul, including Bloomington, Canton Monmouth and Bushnell. Colonel Snyder, of Monmouth was elected chairman. Resolutions which were adopted express the sentiment and the result of the Convention with regard to the narrow gange roads, as the only solution of the transportation problem, and as the only means of outlet to the seaboard for Western produce, which will give reasonable rates and which cannot be rendered baneful by being pooled as the standard gauge lines are.

gauge lines are.

It was resolved to take steps to complete the line as It was resolved to take steps to complete the line as soon as practicable from Burlington to Rantoul by means of local companies working in harmony and building upon cash bass only—a plan that is adopted so far by all lines in 184mois. There is much local strift for the proposed line, especially between towns west of llimois River. The narrow gauge line is projected and will be built 250 miles northwest from Burlington.

On a genera plan the Western parrow gauge men contempiate ultimately building a through line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, via Denver, of which trunk the line considered to-day is the nucleus.

RAILROAD CONDUCTORS' CONVEN-TION.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30, 1875. The Railroad Passenger and Freight Conductors' Mutual Aid and Benefit Association of the United States and Canada met in second annual session here to-day, with J. G. Sherman, its President, in the chair. The membership has increased rapidly during the past year, being now about 500. The finances are in a good condition. The usual committees were appointed, and the session adjourned until this evening.

MICHIGAN'S FINANCES.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY-A BALANCE OF \$916,311. DETROIT, Nov. 30, 1875. The following is the report of the condition of the Michigan State Treasury at the close of business to-

Balance at this date..... \$916,311 33

THE LUMBER TRADE. OTTAWA, Canada, Nov. 30, 1875. The lumbermen have received intelligence that there is a great improvement in the Quebec lumber market,

the reason assigned being that the Norwegian govern-ment has issued orders to curtail the supply in that

THE NEW STATE CAPITOL.

AN EXPLANATION AS TO THE REPORT OF MESSES. PELTER AND BANTA-THE CHARGES THEREIN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

ALBANY, Nov. 30, 1875.

The document concerning the construction of the new Capitol, signed by Petter and Banta, and published on Monday last, was laid before the Governor several weeks since. Those gentlemen, members of the New York Mechanics and Tradesmen's Association, and practical builders, were selected by the parties who had made the charges detrimental to the present supervision of the construction of the building to examine the work critically and report thereon. They made the work critically and report thereon. They made the examination and submitted the report referred to. This report, with the charges, was laid before the Governor, who now has it under consideration. The Governor has authorized no one to say for him, nor have the members of the commission for them, that he or they will ignore or give no attention to this report or the charges. They have received many reports, charges and rumors concerning the new capitol and have given them all such consideration as their time and opportunities would afford. They will do the same with those last put before them. Some of the charges are serious, deserving of careful consideration. But they feel that it is presumptuous on the part of any one to intimate even that they would decide upon such momentous questions without the closest scrutiny and examination.

A MINING ACCIDENT.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 30, 1875. Last night at the Buckville colliery, in Tuscarora, an accident occurred by the sudden breaking of a chain attached to the hoisting wagon, which was being let down in the mines to haul the coal up. The wagon came down with great force, instantly killing Hugh Sharp and Patrick McIntyre. Four other miners were badly wounded.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 30, 1875. Batteries B, F and L, Fifth artillery, with the regimental band, left Newport this evening for New York, en route for Charleston.

AMUSEMENTS.

"BOSE MICHEL" AT THE UNION SQUARE THEATRE.

The interest in "Rose Michel" increases, and not-withstanding the intense cold of last night the Union Square Theatre was crowded to excess. It ought to be a good play and a good performance that could induce people to leave comfortable firesides on a night not fit for Polar Bear to be out in. "Rose Michel" is quite enough justification, however, for braving the frosty winds. It is certainly a strong play, having in its plot elements of unfalling interest—a concealed crime, innocence falsely accused and maternal love beautifully expressed and contrasted in two different characters. The dialogue is pathetic and witty and the characters powerfully drawn. Here is the basis of success, for even a fine company and perfect scenery only serve to make a bad play more edicus. Good acting and good scenery not only seem wasted in such service, but they actually bring out the faults of a bad play into bolde relief. But "Rose Michel" is worth the pains bestowed upon it. It affords Miss Rose Eytinge a touching, serious rôle, to which she imparts deep pathos and dramatic force, gives Mr. Stuart Robson ample room for his peculiar humor, and in fact all the principal members of the company. Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Nina Varian, and Messrs. Thorne, Parselle, Robinson and Stoddard have capital opportunities. The performance is in its entirety very effective-a finished picture. The scenery, of course, is worthy of the reputation the Union Square Theatre has won by a series of magnificent productions. The effects in the fifth act—the dark gallery of the prison, the swinging lamp, the red light that streams in from the prison gate, the pale moonlight that floods the rivers and bridges of Paris, seen from the ramparts where the sentinel keeps his round, make a picture that is soldom rivalled on the stage. The rest of the scenery in "Rose Michel" is superb, but this one effect has a poetical beauty which deserves recognition as a true work of art.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES. Mr. George Honey has been warmly received in Bos-

The publication of the first volume of a large work on Haydn is announced at Berlin, The author is M. C. F. Pohl Karl Formes has recently had a benefit in San Fran

cisco. and played Falstaff in Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor." At Stuttgart the tenor, Southeim, has rear oieldieu's "La Dame Blanche" after a long abil from the stage, and with immense applause.

Mr. Millais is reported to be painting a large landscape depicting a scene a little north of Birnam Wood, celebrated in the tragedy of "Macbeth." Mr. John Oxenford has retired, says the Athenaum from the post of dramatic critic of the Times, and has

been succeeded, it is said, by Mr. F. W. Hawkins.

The benefit of Mrs. W. J. Florence at the Park Theatre on Friday night will add new interest to the last nights of "The Mighty Dollar." This estimable lady and delightful actress will play for the ninetieth time the role of Mrs. General Gilflory, which she has made

one of her most amusing and popular characters. At the Berlin National Theatre Dahn's play "King Roderich" has proved the greatest hit that house has yet achieved. One day 2,500 persons witnessed the performance of this drama, which creates a special interest at this moment, treating, as it does, the much discussed question of the conflict between Church and

The South Wales Daily News prints a letter from Mrs. Crawshay upon "The Drama va The Dram." Mrs. Crawshay says that some time ago the South Wales Daily News opened its columns to a discussion of the drama as a means of counteracting the perpicious influence of the dram. There were plenty who disputed the power of the drama to do this, but she feels more than ever convinced that this is its true and noble mission. After describing in elegant sentences the play of "All for Hor," Mrs. Crawshay says :- "To-night I hope to enjoy this grand play for the third time. I am thankful to say we do not see the execution. Surely such a play as this, if it were possible to put it before the masses of our people who are drinking their hearts out because they have no innocent amusements, would deter many an incipient drunkard."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Mr. John King, Jr., Vice President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Congressman Elbridge G. Lapham, of Canandaigua, N. Y., is staying at the Hoffman House. Ex-Senator Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota, is sold ing at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Mr. J. M. Walker, President of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, has arrived at the Windsor Hotel. Congress man Lorenzo Crounse, of Nebraska, is stopping at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is at the Brevoort House. Colonel W. B. Beck, United States Army, quartered at the Everett House. Congressman John M. Davy, of Rochester, and Assemblyman Willard Johnson, of Fulton, N. Y., are at the Metropolitan Hotel. General William McCandiess, of Philadelphia, is registered at the Sturtevant House. Professor Peter S. Michie, of West Point, has taken up his quarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. General J. R. Stonehouse arrived from Albany last evening at the Hotel Brunswick. Mr. J. D. Cameron, of Harrisburg, is among the late arrivals at the Brevoort House. Mr. F. Broughton, General Manager of the Great Western Railway of Canada, is residing - the St. Nicholas Hotel Right Rev. William H. Hare, Bishop of Niobrara, has apartments at the New York Hotel.

DIED.

MOORE.—On Monday, Isabella, beloved wife of John R. Moore, in her 48th year.
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